

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 24, 2007, the Board, acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"At the meeting of September 12, 2006, the Board authorized the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) to execute a five-year Interagency Agreement (Agreement) with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Under the Agreement, recipients of the Housing Authority's Shelter Plus Care Tenant Based Rental Assistance (SPC-TRA) Good Samaritan Grant certificates have been allowed to use their certificates within HACLA's jurisdiction. The Agreement was fully executed by all parties on December 1, 2006. This has permitted homeless persons who receive Good Samaritan Grant certificates to seek and lease housing within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, the County's unincorporated areas, and cities participating in the County's program. Currently this benefit is only available under the SPC-TRA Good Samaritan Program.

"It is proposed that the Agreement be expanded to allow County recipients under any of the Housing Authority's SPC-TRA Programs to use their certificates within all the areas designated above. It is further proposed that this arrangement be reciprocal, by allowing recipients of all HACLA SPC-TRA certificates to seek and lease housing within the County's unincorporated areas and the various participating cities.

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"The Housing Authority and HACLA both participate in the Los Angeles County Homeless Continuum of Care system to address the daunting issue of housing homeless individuals and families. Amending the Interagency Agreement will expand the unified efforts to provide more housing opportunities for this population.

"The tight rental market in Los Angeles County makes it increasingly difficult to locate housing within the Los Angeles area, affordable units in particular. This lack of affordable housing makes it harder for the recipients of Housing Authority assistance to use their housing vouchers. It also presents an immediate challenge for the Housing Authority to maintain and increase its voucher utilization rate.

"The proposed action will provide additional housing options for recipients of SPC-TRA certificates from either agency. It will also maximize utilization of all SPC-TRA certificates and increase the Housing Authority's lease-up rate for the SPC Program.

"The Agreement currently has a term of five years for use of County Good Samaritan certificates within HACLA's jurisdiction. The proposed amendment will allow the use of all SPC grant certificates of either agency within the other's jurisdiction for an initial period of one year, with up to two one-year extensions if the arrangement is satisfactory to the parties.

"This matter will be presented to the Housing Commission for concurrence during its meeting on July 25, 2007."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board, acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, took the following actions:

1. Authorized the Executive Director of the Housing Authority (Executive Director) to modify and execute an amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), to allow County recipients under any of the Housing Authority's and HACLA's Shelter Plus Care-Tenant Based Rental Assistance Programs to use their certificates to seek and lease housing within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, the County's unincorporated areas, and cities participating in the County's program;

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- 2. Authorized the Executive Director to extend the term of the agreement for up to an additional two years if the arrangement is satisfactory to the parties, and to incorporate any other administrative provisions that may be required; and
- 3. Made a finding that the amendment to the agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

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